



THE RIDOC AT A GLANCE

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FACILITIES

Maximum Security

- * Opened: 1878 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 442 * Capacity: 466
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$53,623 *

Donald Price Facility (Medium II)

- * Opened: 1932 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 348 * Capacity: 360
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$53,455 *

Minimum Security

- * Opened: 1978 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 631 * Capacity: 710
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$39,716 *

High Security Center

- * Opened: 1981 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 91 * Capacity: 166
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$114,609 *

Intake Service Center

- * Opened: 1982 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 1,060 * Capacity: 1,148
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$40,508 *

Gloria McDonald Women's Awaiting Trial & Medium Security Facility

- * Opened: 1984 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 134 * Capacity: 154
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$60,130 *

Dorothea Dix Women's Minimum Security Facility

- * Opened: 1990 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 104 * Capacity: 195
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$60,130 *

John J. Moran Facility (Medium I)

- * Opened: 1990 * Ave. Population (CY '08): 1,028 * Capacity: 1,066
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$40,751 *

Reintegration Center

- * Slated to open in 2010 * Capacity: 175

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (CY '08)

Community Confinement includes Probation & Parole, inmates sentenced to Home Confinement, and inmates awaiting trial on Home Confinement. The RIDOC has a Home Confinement program for parolees, but not probationers.

- ~ There has been a 135% increase over the past 13 years in the number of men and women on community confinement.
- ~ Between CY '04 and CY '08, however, this population rose only 12%, or an additional 33 offenders.

PROBATION AND PAROLE (CY '08)

- One of every 38 adult residents in RI is on probation or parole.
- One of every 22 men in RI is on probation or parole.
- One of every 113 women in RI is on probation or parole.
- In Providence, 1 in 7 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- In Pawtucket, 1 in 7 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- In Central Falls, 1 in 6 men aged 25-29 and 45-59 is on probation or parole.
- From FY '96-FY '08, the Probation & Parole population increased by 49%.
- RI ranks 5th in the nation and 2nd in the Northeast in the number of probationers per 100,000 adults residents (Data as of 2007).
- Based on the 2007 *ACA Directory*, RI has the highest generic probation case loads in the country and more than three times the national average case load size.

HOME CONFINEMENT

- Over 10,000 people have participated in the program since records became computerized in 1995. These include those adjudicated, civil purges, parolees, and pre-trial. The program actually began in 1989.
- The recidivism rate for inmates whose sentences were completed on Home Confinement is 29% over three years vs. 54% for those who remained inside the prison walls.
- From CY '98 - CY '08, the Home Confinement population increased by 62%.

OFFENDER STATISTICS

ETHNICITY

	Females		Males		Total
Black	34	3%	1,051	97%	1,085
White	114	7%	1,637	93%	1,751
Asian	0	0%	44	100%	44
Hispanic	32	4%	767	96%	799
Amer Ind	3	14%	18	86%	21
Other	2	11%	17	89%	19
Missing	0	0%	2	100%	2
TOTAL	185	5%	3,536	95%	3,721

This is stock data as of 3/31/09. **Please note:** RIDOC records Hispanic as race rather than ethnicity. Thus we can't determine whether inmates identifying themselves as Hispanic are white or black. Those identifying themselves as white or black may also be Hispanic.

SENTENCE LENGTH (SENTENCED COMMITMENTS)

The following offender statistics are based on CY '08:

- In total, 60% of inmates are sentenced to serve 6 months or less.
- 37% are sentenced to serve 90 days or less.
- An additional 23% are sentenced to serve 3-6 months.

LIFERS

- On 12/31/08, there were 173 RI inmates serving a Life sentence; 24 were serving out of state.
- On 12/31/08, there were 27 RI inmates serving a sentence of Life without Parole; two were serving out of state.
- Since 1990, there have been four inmates who died while serving a Life sentence and two who died while serving Life without Parole.

RECIDIVISM

- 54% of released inmates under sentence return within 36 months of release.
- The recidivism rate for offenders who complete substance abuse treatment is 2% lower than the rate for the general population.

POPULATION TRENDS (During CY '08)

- The average total population decreased by 0.05%.
- The sentenced population decreased by 1.8%.
- The pre-trial population increased by 9%.
- From CY '94 - CY '08, there has been a 39% increase in total population.

FROM FY 1976 - FY 2008 (33-year period)

- The population increased by 540%, or 16.4% annually.
- The male inmate population increased by 515%.
- The female inmate population increased by 1,533%, however females still constitute only 6% of the total RIDOC population.

COMMITMENTS & RELEASES

- In CY '08, there were 16,865 commitments (12,648 pre-trial and 4,217 sentenced).
- In CY '08, there were 16,747 releases (12,505 pre-trial and 4,242 sentenced).
- The average age of those committed was 33.
- 56% of those committed and released were white; 25% were black; 17% were Hispanic.
- Only 15% of those committed and released were female.
- 42% of men and 58% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- Of the awaiting trial commitments, 58% were new commitments and 24% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).
- Of the sentenced commitments, 66% were newly sentenced and 28% were committed due to a probation violation.
- The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (29%).



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RIDOC's DIRECTORS

Anthony Trivisano	07-01-1972 to 08-02-1974
Donald Taylor*	08-03-1974 to 02-28-1976
Bradford Southworth	03-01-1976 to 02-11-1978
John Moran	02-12-1978 to 07-28-1990
Donald Ventetuolo*	07-29-1990 to 01-12-1991
George Vose	01-13-1991 to 10-01-1999
A.T. Wall**	10-02-1999 to present

*Temporary Directors during the search for a new director. **Director Wall was temporarily assigned as Director from 10-02-99 to 3-8-00. He was officially appointed to Director on 3-9-2000.

RIDOC's WORKFORCE

As of 3/31/08:

Total # of employees: 1,502

of Bargaining Units represented by workforce: 6

of employees who self report as minorities: 227

of employees who are military: 72

of employees currently on military leave: 17

HISTORIC EVENTS

Riots: 1969, 1978, 1985, 1988, 1991, and 1992

All Time High (Inmate Population):

4,000 on 9/16/07

A LOOK BACK IN TIME - INMATE POPULATION ON 11/4/76

Maximum	343	302 sentenced	41 awaiting trial
Medium	120	52 sentenced	68 awaiting trial
Minimum	68	68 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Work Release	35	35 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Women's	14	7 sentenced	7 awaiting trial
TOTAL	580	464	116
Escapes	8		
GRAND TOTAL	588		

RIDOC TIMELINE

A sampling of significant events in the RIDOC's history

- **1867** The State's oldest operational prison, Maximum Security, opened. It was originally designed to house 252 inmates.
- **1930** RIDOC C.O. James McVay was killed in the line of duty.
- **1933** An addition of 198 cells was added to Old Max.
- **1972** The Rhode Island Department of Corrections was created by statute with formal jurisdiction over the Adult Correctional Institutions and Probation and Parole.
- **1973** RIDOC C.O. Donald Price was killed in the line of duty.
- **1977** Federal court order on conditions of confinement imposed.
- **1980s** The DOC embarked on long-term building/construction campaign to increase the number of beds to meet the needs of the increasing prisoner population.
- The RI population started to see steady increases in population from year to year.
- **1981** The High Security Center opened, with a capacity of 96 cells.
- **1982** The Intake Service Center opened, with a capacity of 168 cells.
- **1984** The Gloria McDonald building was opened as a women's prison.
- **1986** The War on Drugs intensified in RI with the introduction of crack. There was an increase in penalties for minor drug violations. RI Parole Guidelines were modified to increase the amount of time served until parole eligibility for drug offenders.
- **1988** The General Assembly passed legislation making possession of as little as 1 oz. of heroin or cocaine subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. Voters amended the State constitution to permit denial of bail in cases of drug offenses carrying a sentence of 10 years or more. As a result, the RI population begins a sharp climb, growing 85% from 1986 to 1990.
- **1990** The Price Medium Security facility was designated as a special needs unit.
- The Medium I (now Moran) facility opened in November with a capacity of 576 beds.
- **1992** The Intake Service Center (North side) was opened, with a capacity for 900 offenders.
- **1993** The Price facility was closed due to budget cuts.
- **1995** Termination of Federal Court order.
- **1996** Medium I was dedicated to former Director Moran and renamed the John J. Moran Medium Security facility.
- **1997** The Price Medium Security facility was reopened for lower risk Medium custody inmates. It was renamed the Donald Price Medium Security Facility in honor of C.O. Donald Price, who was killed in 1973 in the line of duty.
- **2003** Governor Carcieri issued an Executive Order establishing a Governor's Steering Committee on corrections reform and prisoner reentry. This committee was designed to create a comprehensive plan and systematic approach to promoting reentry strategies for all offenders prior to release from incarceration with continued support from Probation and Parole, community-based agencies, and all other State agencies after release.
- **2008** The General Assembly enacted legislation to moderate the growth of the inmate census by equalizing the rate of earned time among all inmates other than sex offenders and by providing incentives for inmates to participate in treatment and programs that can reduce their risk to re-offend upon release.

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